Crude oil refining capacity of refineries

†3947. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL : SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that installed capacity of crude oil refining in the country at present is different in private sector and public sector;

(b) if so, the installed capacity in these two sectors during April, 2001;

(c) the points of time alongwith the targets to increase the same during the next years; and

(d) what will be the installed capacity in private sector and public sector by 2005, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sector-wise installed capacity as on 1.4.2001 is given below:-

	Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA)
Public Sector	75.85
Joint Sector	9.69
Private Sector	27.00

(c) and (d) The refining capacity of 112.54 MMTPA at the beginning of this year is likely to increase to 114.67 MMTPA by the end of the current year. The refining capacity is estimated to increase further in both the private and public sectors to meet the growing demand of petroleum products during the Xth plan period.

Since the refining sector is delicensed, it is difficult to estimate the installed capacity by 2005.

Modernisation of Mumbai High

3948. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ONGC has taken any decision to modernize Mumbai High (Bombay High); and

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(b) if so, whether the proposal of modernisation is pending for lack of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has taken decision for the redevelopment of Mumbai High Field as a long term measure for optimization of oil recovery.

(b) No, Sir.

Guidelines on Appointment of Dealers for Petroleum Products

†3949. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines/rules for appointment of dealers and distributors for LPG/diesel/petrol and kerosene by various companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether each and every petroleum and natural gas company follow above guidelines/rules;

(d) whether opinion of local M.P. is sought before appointment of dealers in any Parliamentary Constituency; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the reasons for overlooking MPs recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to streamlining the procedure for selection of dealers/ distributors of petroleum products by the DSBs, new guidelines were formulated and issued to the Oil Companies on 9.10.2000. The guidelines prescribe a uniform, transparent procedure for selection of dealers/distributors.

The locations for setting up dealerships/ distributorships, included in the Marketing Plans, are advertised by the Oil Companies inviting applications from eligible candidates. After the scruitiny of the applications, the eligible candidates are interviewed by the DSBs for selection on merit. The following criteria have been prescribed for assessing the *inter-se* merit of the candidates :-

(i) Personality, business ability and salesmanship.

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